

Frederick W. Hatch²⁶ to Ebenezer Pettigrew

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[April 17, 1812]

Sir

I have been for some time endeavoring to add to my little library some ancient writings, wh[ich] have become scarce in our country, & wh[ich] are of very little use to any person, except a divine.—Your deceas'd Father, having been a Clergyman of our Church, must (I think) have left some ancient works behind him. If so they can be of little use to you (unless you become a preacher) & of considerable importance to me. I wish you would write me on the subject, & let me know if you have any thing of the kind; & what they are—And also if for a reasonable compensation you will sell them, or a part of them to me.—I would come over & see you on the subject, but my avocations are such as almost to preclude the possibility—

Should you happen in Edenton, please to call on me.

I remain Sir with due sentiments of regard

Your Humble Servt
Fred^{ck}. W. Hatch

Edenton April 17th.—1812

[Addressed:]

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